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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 27, 2010, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks submitted concurrently with a RCE.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Claims begins on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.